

Dear Commisionors: Since the airwaves belong to the public, I must tell you that lifting the restrictions on the control of the media is a bad idea. Changing the rules in 1996 gives evidence about what a bad idea unrestricted ownership is. Our access to local ideas and vital information is restricted by ownership of national networks such as Clear Channel. Such concentration of ownership threatens democracy by limiting the the public to news and music selected by the media owners. This is evident in the fact that until this week there has been no discussion about this proposal on commercial networks. The news I have heard about this proposed change was only on PBS and NPR. Commercial media may think that raising restrictions on ownership is great for business but I find radio and television, including cable so manufactured and so monotonous that it is boring to watch. We hate the same commercials (over and over) which we mute or change the channel. Lifting the restrictions will make only make the media more boring and less trustworthy than it already is.